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SUBJECT: (S) CHINA'S ASSESSMENT OF THE JUNE 2009 SCO
SUMMIT (C-AL9-01463)

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[1](#)B. YEKATERINBURG 000040

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[1](#)1. (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN CHINA'S ASSESSMENT OF THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (SCO) SUMMIT HELD IN JUNE 2009 IN YEKATERINBURG, RUSSIA. CHINA'S ECONOMIC OUTREACH IN CENTRAL ASIA IS OF POLICYMAKER INTEREST, AND ANY FURTHER REPORTING POST CAN PROVIDE, TIME AND RESOURCES PERMITTING, ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING CHINA AND THE SCO WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

[1](#)A. (S) WHAT IS BEIJING'S OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES DURING THE SCO SUMMIT?

[1](#)B. (S) HOW DOES THE SCO FIT INTO CHINA'S OVERALL REGIONAL OUTREACH TO CENTRAL ASIA, AND TO WHAT EXTENT DOES BEIJING VIEW THE SCO AS A TOOL TO MANAGE US PRESENCE IN THAT REGION? TO WHAT EXTENT DOES CHINA SEEK TO USE SUMMIT AGREEMENTS TO MANAGE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US OR OTHER NON-SCO MEMBERS?

[1](#)C. (S) DOES CHINA PREFER TO WORK BILATERALLY ON CERTAIN ISSUES AND MULTILATERALLY ON OTHERS? WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES? DID CHINA OR OTHER SCO MEMBERS TAKE ANY STEPS DURING THE YEKATERINBURG SUMMIT TO ENHANCE THE ROLE OF THE SCO IN FACILITATING REGIONAL COOPERATION?

[1](#)D. (S) WHAT IS THE STRENGTH IN RELATIONS AMONG SCO MEMBER STATES, AND DOES CHINA VIEW THESE RELATIONS WITH THE SAME REGARD AS DO OTHER MEMBER STATES?

[1](#)E. (S) WHAT IS CHINA'S STRATEGIC INTENT FOR THE \$10 BILLION LOAN, AND HOW DOES BEIJING EXPECT TO DISPENSE THE PLEDGED AMOUNT? WHAT INITIATIVES OR PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED, HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE ALLOCATED TO EACH, AND WILL THE PROPOSED PROJECTS BE IMPLEMENTED ON A BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL BASIS?

[1](#)F. (S) WHAT IS THE PURPOSE BEHIND CHINA'S PLANS TO HAVE INVESTMENT DELEGATIONS MEET WITH SCO MEMBER STATES? WHAT NEW STRATEGIES, IF ANY, HAS BEIJING FORMULATED TO ENCOURAGE TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN THE REGION? IN WHAT SPECIFIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AREAS DOES CHINA SEEK IMPROVED MULTILATERAL COOPERATION?

[1](#)2. (U) PLEASE CITE C-AL9-01463 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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